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Dear Parents of Year 11,

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend last night's parents' evening. Although quite hard to believe, here we are in the final term of Year 11. GCSE exams have officially started with the GCSE Art exam this week and French and Spanish Speaking exams next week. The first full exam in the Hall for the entire cohort is on Friday 10th May for Biology Paper 1.

By now your child should have their final revision timetable set out for the next 4 weeks building towards the exams. I would always recommend doing this on a weekly basis, reviewing where the gaps remain at the end of each week and planning ahead when they will revise to close these gaps in the coming weeks. We have flashcards and other revision materials for sale in school should students need them. A reminder that the Independent Study Centre is open on a lunchtime and after school for Year 11 specifically as a quiet study space for revision. Materials are available in there for them to use and/or students can bring their own.

I've also attached for parents the final Exam Booklet which gives an overview for each subject, what papers to revise and top revision tips. Please take some time to use this booklet to talk through with your child what they are doing to prepare. And below is a list of things our Heads of Department would like you to know so that you can use a prompt for discussion about next week's lessons.

Media	Final chance to review coursework next week and ensure that all elements of the brief have been covered. Revision - Students should be using Student Pod to access all knowledge organisers for their revision.
Business Studies	Students will be recapping finance so will need to recap/revise formula and a calculator will be needed.
Maths	Revision materials that students should be using include: Knowledge Organiser and Revision lists with links in Student Pod. Access to SPARX maths for video clips. March RAG topic sheets have been given out for individual focused revision. Likely topic lists will be issued after Paper 1 and Paper 2 Weekly test practice in lessons and a weekly past paper for homework
English	Revision sessions - Tuesday after school + Tuesday drop- in at the ISC We're starting our 'Lit League' next week and students should use this as an opportunity to show off how many quotations they can recall from each of the
	literature texts. They just need to be revising their quotations to be in with a chance of assisting their class to victory! Please ask your child how they are doing with revising these quotations.
Science	Lunch time drop ins every day, in lessons we are focusing on key and fundamental concepts, building in revision techniques such as mind maps into lesson time along with exam question application.





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RE Students should have picked up by next week a pack which includes:

Subject Knowledge Organisers
Key words and Key quotations
Guide How to Answer Exam Questions
Key Misconceptions
Topic Revision List for Paper 1 and Paper 2.
Examination Papers 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022
Completed Mock papers 2021 and 2023
All their Exercise Books

Happy revising to all Year 11!

Mrs Maughan Head of School

